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The document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in an Office Action mailed by the European Patent Office on December 8, 2003 in a counterpart foreign application,

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Applicant points out that a copy of GB-A-2 328 588, cited in the European Patent Office Action, was previously submitted with the IDS filed on August 15, 2002. Therefore, Applicant is not enclosing another copy with this submission.

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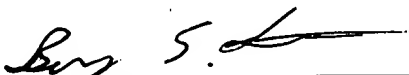
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